

Dulles Denies A Policy Role

"The CIA has never carried out any action of a political nature without appropriate approval at a high political level in our government," Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday.

Reached by the N.Y. Journal-American at a Chesapeake Bay yacht club, Mr. Dulles said:

"I cannot comment on recent Saigon developments as I do not know the facts. But I can say that one of the most harmful myths and, the one hardest to combat, is that the CIA makes government policy and goes its separate way in carrying out political operations."

"I label this charge as untrue and add, the facts are that the CIA has never carried out any action of a political nature, given any support of any kind to any persons, potentates, movements, political or otherwise, without appropriate approval from our government. I sincerely believe the foregoing is wholly true today."

Mr. Dulles said that he has emphasized these points in a book to be published this week by Harper and Row called, "The Craft of Intelligence."

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